

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of the present patent application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

In this Amendment no claims are amended, claims 23-28 are added, and no claims are canceled. As a result, claims 1-28 are now pending in the application. Support for the newly added claims can be found in various portions of the disclosure, for example, at paragraphs 0020 and 0021 of the specification.

The non-final Office Action of January 29, 2007 includes an objection to specification paragraph 0019. Claims 1-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) in view of U.S. Patent 6,397,387 (Rosin).

Specification Objection

The specification is amended herein to address the objection to paragraph 0019 raised in the Office Action. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. §102 Rejection

The §102 rejection of claims 1-22 in view of the Rosin patent is respectfully traversed, for at least the reasons set forth below.

The present invention involves the field of electronic program guides (EPG) for providing programming information, in particular, programming information for singular, transitory events. Examples of such single, transitory events include press conferences, space vehicle launches, governmental hearings, or the like. Conventional EPGs are commonly used to display time and

channel information for upcoming television programs—but only for regularly scheduled programs on a predefined set of channels. Conventional EPGs do not display program information for single, transitory events, unless such events are being aired on one of the predefined set of channels in the EPG. That is, conventional EPGs do not have the capability to add additional temporary channel listings for singular transitory events. Various embodiments of the present invention overcome this drawback.

The Office Action cites the Rosin patent in the pending §102 rejection. Rosin provides an example of a conventional EPG. The Rosin system displays television channels or weblinks that may be of interest to users. According to Rosin, the page display templates may be organized in categories that are adapted over time based on the user's viewing habits.¹ However, the Rosin system does not add channels for a transitory broadcast event that is discovered to be upcoming. Consequently, the Rosin patent does not teach to “search a worldwide network for information regarding a transitory broadcast event and to incorporate the transitory event information into the generated program guide prior,” as recited in claims 1, 9 and 17.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the Rosin patent does not teach the features of the claimed invention. Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

Newly Added Claims

Newly added dependent claims 23, 25 and 27 recite the program guide being “generated with the programming information for a plurality of channels, said transitory event information

¹ Rosin, col. 6, lines 11-14.

being incorporated into the generated program guide by adding an augmented temporary channel to the plurality of channels.” Newly added dependent claims 24, 26 and 28 recite the augmented temporary channel being “removed from the program guide upon completion of the transitory broadcast event.” The art cited in the application does not teach or suggest these features. For example, the Rosin patent does not discuss any sort of augmented temporary channel being added to a program guide, nor such a channel being removed upon completion of the associated transitory broadcast event.

Deposit Account Authorization / Provisional Time Extension Petition

It is believed that the Fee Transmittal attends to the necessary claim fees, and no extension of time is needed for this filing. However, to the extent necessary, a provisional petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 50-0439 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. However, in the event there are any unresolved issues, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact applicant's representative, Scott Richardson, by telephone at (571) 748-4765 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

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